

Chilmark, MA

November 1, 2016

Dear Helen,

I am writing to thank you for the productive meeting you hosted at your home at Windy Gates and provide you with an update. I am grateful for the opportunity to have shared some of our ideas with you and heard your reactions. It was good meeting with you and developing an appreciation for your concerns.

Since October 30th, when I met with you, Ben, and Larry Beal, I have met with members of the Public Safety Building Site Committee, the Board of Selectmen, staff, and Town Counsel. We discussed your feedback. I believe that everyone involved understands your commitment to your land and no one approaches this request lightly.

The consensus of our group was that the land adjacent to the Community Center remains the best site for a combined public safety building. While they agreed on the site, many people share your concerns about the future use of the site. They particularly talked about the size of any building and the layout of site uses. They tended to agree with many of your suggestions.

The town would like to continue discussions with you. We would like to see if there is a possibility of a negotiated purchase of your land adjacent to the Community Center. Such a purchase could be encumbered with restrictions that you ask of the town.

As we engage in discussions, may we have permission to access your land adjacent to the Community Center to define the wetlands? We would of course share all information collected with you.

The Selectmen have empowered me to discuss another option with you as well. This would be a land swap. The lot is #20-47.2 in Peaked Hill Pastures off Tabor House Road. It is a 3.1 Acre parcel with utilities that is part of an approved subdivision ready for building a home on.

If Ben is free sometime in the next two weeks, I would enjoy showing him the lot at Peaked Hill Pastures. He could report back to you on its quality and value.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you again,

Warren Doty

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Chairman, Chilmark Board of Selectmen